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'Jobs not jails': Protesters

- People rally against Ottawa's omnibus crime bill in front of the provincial legislature
- Longer jail sentences don't affect root causes of crime, according to protesters

Protesters outside the Manitoba legislature have warned that the federal omnibus crime bill being fast-tracked into law will cost taxpayers more, won't reduce crime and will create more hardened criminals.

About 250 people, some waving signs calling for "jobs not jails," also suggested the province's NDP government shouldn't support Ottawa's proposed crackdown on crime.

John Hutton, head of Manitoba's John Howard Society, said the proposed legislation makes many of the mistakes made by the United States years ago.

"Our fear is that, like in the United States, money will be wasted building new jail cells and there will be no money left for programs that do work — employment programs, treatment programs and programs that support families."

The federal Tories have combined nine separate bills into one — Bill C-10 — that would see mandatory sentences for some drug crimes, a new act to deal with violent young offenders and restrictions on house arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ About 150 people gathered at the Manitoba legislature yesterday to protest the federal government's omnibus crime bill currently before the House of Commons.

Local artist

Winnipeg star has new role

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Vet ends hunger strike

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EU's latest casualty

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▶ Maria Aragon in a new commercial for clothing retailer Gap.

Maria Aragon scores sweet deal with Gap

Winnipeg's Internet star also launched new album this past summer

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Winnipeg's Maria Aragon isn't slowing down.

Since being discovered and featured at a Lady Gaga concert this past spring, the 11-year-old pint-sized protege has become a pop sensation in the Philippines and is now starring in a new ad campaign for the Gap.

Speaking from her Brooklands home in Winnipeg yesterday, Aragon said she has been inundated with invitations.

"It's such an honour," said the well-spoken singer, who has become famous off her sweet covers of various pop songs, including Lady Gaga's Born This Way. "We've had so many invitations and we've done a lot of things."

Those things include launching a record with Star Records in the Philippines in the summer. While the album is mostly covers, there are two originals.

The first, You're My Home, is about loving someone so much they become a part of you, said Aragon. "It's how I feel about my family and God," she said. The second, Follow Your Dreams, is self-explanatory.

Her latest venture is being featured in an ad campaign for the Gap. Dressed in bright colours and jumping and singing in a candy store, the ad features her cover of I Love Candy.

"I had to audition for that one," said Aragon, even though the Gap contacted her about starring in the commercial.

Aragon said her schedule means she's no longer attending Isaac Brock school and is being homeschooled.

"I can't forget school," she said, adding she sees her friends whenever they're all free.

Next for Maria

- She's designing a bowl for a celebrity auction at tomorrow's Empty Bowls Winnipeg Harvest Gala.
- She's performing in Las Vegas on Saturday at the MGM Grand.
- Her self-titled album is available on iTunes for $6.99.

Complaint system aims to kick crime in the CAN

Winnipeg police and Manitoba justice officials hope a new system for reporting non-criminal problems in the city will help quash potential emerging crime trends before they become entrenched.

Accessible through the Winnipeg police's website, the Citizen's Action Network (CAN) allows citizens to email reports about area issues that will be forwarded on to police, 311 (community services department) or provincial public safety investigators.

Volunteer co-ordinators will gather the information and forward it on to the appropriate agency, said Patrol Sgt. Danny Boyko, who promised people reporting issues to CAN will receive feedback and incident numbers.

"What we're trying to do is find out what the problems are before they become crime-related issues," Boyko said.

The types of issues Boyko says CAN was set up to deal with are ones related to suspicious activity, loitering or illegal dumping of trash. The emphasis is on finding long-term solutions and not quick fixes, police said.

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▶ Danny Boyko

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Sex offender to live in Winnipeg

Winnipeg police are warning the community that a high-risk sex offender will be released today and is expected to live in Winnipeg.

Donald Maclai Batenchuk, 41, will be released from the Regional Psychiatric Centre in Saskatoon. He was convicted of a sexual assault that happened on Aug. 14, 2002, where he held a knife to a woman's throat and threatened to kill her, then sexually assaulted her.

He received a sentence of 10 years with credit given for 54 months of pre-sentence custody.

While Batenchuk participated in some sex-offender treatment programs while in prison, he is considered a high risk to re-offend. He has a prior criminal record that includes two counts of sexual assault with a weapon, sexual interference, assault with a weapon, three counts of break-and-enter theft, as well as other offences.

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▶ Donald Maclai Batenchuk

Winnipeg police said he will be subject to a court order for 10 years where he is prohibited from drinking and drugs other than prescribed medication, and having any contact with the victim of his last offence.

He will also be required to participate in psychological counselling and sex-offender and other recommended programming, reside at an approved Community Correctional Centre and return to that facility nightly, and report all relationships with females to his parole officer.

He is described as aboriginal, six foot one and about 250 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He has a skull tattoo on his upper right arm, as well as other tattoos. METRO

Huge asteroid zips past Earth

Humans may want to visit 2005 YU55 because it contains carbon-based materials, possibly frozen water

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▶ Asteroid 2005 YU55

An asteroid as big as an aircraft carrier zipped by Earth yesterday in the closest encounter by such a massive space rock in more than three decades.

Scientists ruled out any chance of a collision but turned their telescopes skyward to learn more about the object known as 2005 YU55.

Its closest approach to Earth was pegged at a distance of 325,088 kilometres at 6:28 p.m. EST. That's just inside the moon's orbit; the average distance between Earth and the moon is 384,633 kilometres.

The last time a large cosmic interloper came that close to Earth was in 1976, and it won't happen again until 2028.

Scientists at NASA's Deep Space Network in the California desert have tracked the quarter-mile-wide asteroid since last week as it approached from the direction of the sun at 46,671 km/h.

Astronomers and amateur skygazers around the world kept watch, too.

The Clay Center Observatory in Massachusetts planned an all-night viewing party so children and parents could peer through research-grade telescopes and listen to lectures. The asteroid can't be detected with the naked eye.

For those without a telescope, the observatory streamed video of the fly-by live on Ustream, attracting several thousand viewers. The asteroid appeared as a white dot against a backdrop of stars.

Since its discovery six years ago, scientists have been monitoring the spherical, coal-coloured asteroid as it spins through space. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beaver. Support

▶ Grant Hooker, co-founder of BeaverTails Canada, holds up Plush Beaver as he unveils the new beaver monument at his store in the ByWard Market in Ottawa yesterday.

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Paws off our symbol

The couple behind Ottawa's iconic tail-shaped pastry stood up to a senator's recent disparaging of the beaver by erecting a monument to the diligent rodent.

Gay tourism ban wiped from B.C. pamphlet

British Columbia's tourism minister was quick to apologize yesterday and to rebuke a government pamphlet that warns the province's businesses not to promote gay tourism to Canada in China.

The pamphlet was issued to B.C. tourism operators last week and is titled How to Market your Business to China.

Midway through the document it says, "Tourism BC will also require that any partner operator agrees to ... prohibit the promotion of casinos, gambling and gay tourism, per the China National Tourism Administration."

Pat Bell said yesterday the reference is being removed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The fresco painted by Giotto

Devil seen in Giotto fresco

A smirking horned devil exists in the frescoed clouds of a Giotto work in the famed Assisi basilica, an Italian art historian said yesterday — a tantalizing detail that apparently went unnoticed by scholars for centuries.

The discovery was reported in the online edition of this month's issue of the Franciscan religious order publication San Francesco Patrono d'Italia.

Art historian Chiara Frugoni said she has spent almost 30 years studying the cycle of frescoes in the upper level of the Umbrian landmark church, but only recently spotted the image

She described the detail as a "vigorous portrait of a devil with two dark horns" cleverly hidden in the swirling clouds near an angel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crosby, Nash and pot still mix well

Musicians David Crosby and Graham Nash delivered a touch of Woodstock to Occupy demonstrations in New York City yesterday.

The white-haired duo led a chant of "No More War!" and played a 20-minute acoustic performance for about 1,000 protesters and onlookers.

An air of nostalgia — and the smell of marijuana — wafted over the crowd as the pair had fans humming along to hits like Teach Your Children Well.

Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie have also previously entertained protesters.

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Protesters play nice, move

- Halifax set for Remembrance Day
- Patience wearing thin elsewhere

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METRO CANADA IN HALIFAX

Occupy Nova Scotia protesters have moved camp — for now.

The group has packed up its encampment — set up in front of Halifax city hall on Oct. 15 — and moved to a park across downtown.

The move was made so the occupiers wouldn't interfere with Remembrance Day ceremonies.

"If anything, I think this move has actually made us stronger as a community," said John Thibeau, a protest spokesperson.

But the group does not have access to electricity at Victoria Park. "I know there's power here. But the city came in and cut it off to try to deter everything that's going on here," claimed occupier James Wiseman.

Flashpoints

- **Vancouver:** Police Chief Jim Chu has told protesters to clear the site outside the Vancouver Art Gallery after officers were punched, kicked and bitten when they tried to protect firefighters who moved in to put out a fire in a barrel.
- **London, Ont:** Several hundred people remained in Victoria Park last night after a deadline passed for protesters to move. Mayor Joe Fontana issued the deadline earlier in the day.

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▶ An Occupy Nova Scotia sign sits on the Robert Burns statue yesterday in Halifax's Victoria Park — the protesters' new home. They moved from Grand Parade to make way for Dignity Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Feds act after ex-soldier's hunger strike

The federal government will create a new committee to study veterans' health.

The move comes in the wake of a hunger strike by an ex-soldier who insists he was contaminated by depleted uranium while serving in Bosnia.

Depleted uranium has been used to make munitions and military armour.

Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney announced the new panel in Levis, Que., after Pascal Lacoste ended his protest and allowed himself to be taken away in an ambulance yesterday.

Lacoste, who battled to get Ottawa to recognize his uranium poisoning while serving overseas, flashed a two-fingered "victory" sign as he ended his hunger strike.

He swigged grape juice as he was loaded into the ambulance.

Over four days, Lacoste had been depriving himself of all food and liquids except for capfuls of water to help him take prescription medication.

Blaney said further details of the new panel will be announced in the next 30 days.

It will comprise academics, medical researchers and soldiers.

"It's a committee that will have a broad mandate," Blaney said, adding he wants to see Lacoste's — and other veterans' — health get better.

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▶ Veteran Pascal Lacoste flashes a "victory" sign as he ends his hunger strike yesterday.

U.S. Air Force admits mortuary lost body parts of war dead

The Air Force mortuary that receives U.S. war dead and prepares them for burial lost portions of human remains twice in 2009, officials said yesterday.

The Air Force disciplined three officials for "gross mismanagement," the officials said.

A yearlong Air Force investigation reviewed 14 sets of allegations of improper handling of war remains as reported by three whistle-blower workers at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

One worker complained about the handling of the remains of a Marine killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

It was claimed mortuary officials acted improperly in sawing off an arm bone because it protruded in a way that prevented his body from being placed in his uniform for viewing.

The Marine's family had requested seeing him in his uniform but was not told of the decision to remove the bone.

None of the three Air Force officials found to be at fault at Dover was fired.

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HAITIAN VICTIMS

UN faces big bill for cholera?

A human rights group has filed claims with the United Nations seeking damages on behalf of 5,000 Haitian cholera victims and their families.

The claims by the Boston-based Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti argue the UN and its peacekeeping force are liable for millions of dollars for failing to adequately screen peacekeeping soldiers.

Cholera has sickened nearly 500,000 people and killed more than 6,500 others since it surfaced in Haiti in October 2010, according to the Haitian Health Ministry.

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- Italy's $2.6-trillion debt too big for Europe to bail out
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▶ Silvio Berlusconi

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi yesterday conceded support to govern and announced he would resign like his Greek counterpart, becoming the biggest political casualty yet of the European debt crisis.

Berlusconi promised to leave office after parliament passes economic reforms demanded by the European Union to keep Italy from sinking into Europe's debt mess. He came to the decision hours after a vote on a routine piece of legislation made it clear he no longer commanded a majority in the lower Chamber of Deputies.

A vote on the reform measures is planned for next week, giving Berlusconi a few more days before his turbulent 17 years in public life draw to a close. Once Berlusconi resigns, Italian President Giorgio Napolitano will begin political consultations to form a new government. Berlusconi said he will step aside for the good of the country.

"Things like who leads or who doesn't lead the government" are less important than doing "what is best for the country."

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Market moment

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▶ Canadians who find themselves short of change for that venti skim gingerbread latte can now pay for their Starbucks beverage with the scan of an iPhone.

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Tall, skinny latte and an iPhone

Starbucks announced yesterday that an app for Apple's mobile phones can now handle purchases in Canada, provided a customer has preloaded an account with money. The account can be funded within the app with a credit card.

Central banks must act: Carney

The global economy is being confronted with a new wave of credit tightening as a result of the European debt crisis, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney warns. Carney said it is up to the public sector, in particular central banks, to ensure there is credit available for businesses and households to invest and spend. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In fact, the world is now crazier than anything John Lennon could imagine when he wrote that song.

For example, Lennon probably never imagined that an Alberta dentist would pay $31,200 for his rotten, tartar–infested molar at an auction.

The tooth in question is in such bad condition it can't be DNA-tested. But its provenance is secure. Lennon gave it to his housekeeper to dispose of. She kept it and gave it to her daughter instead. Now the family has sold it to the Tooth Fairy, a.k.a. Michael Zuk, who plans to enshrine it in his waiting room back in Red Deer, Alta., along with other historical artifacts, such as stale-dated copies of National Geographic and Canadian Dental Quarterly.

"Every medieval church worth its steeple harbours a shrivelled nose or finger bone, and although no one can actually prove they're parts of a saint, these holy bits and pieces still attract pilgrims, who hope some of that venerated mojo rubs off on them. "

I write this every week, it seems: I am not making this up.

If there was any doubt that celebrities have become the new saints of the reality-show religion, that has been dispelled by this latest dubious purchase.

Every medieval church worth its steeple harbours a shrivelled nose or finger bone, and although no one can actually prove they're parts of a saint, these holy bits and pieces still attract pilgrims, who hope some of that venerated mojo rubs off on them.

John Lennon tried to imagine a world without religion. But we just can't help ourselves. We need to have a higher power — someone to watch over us. It helps to have access to that power, hence the attraction of holy relics. People still believe in the Shroud of Turin, even though it's most certainly a medieval fraud.

But John Lennon's rotten tooth? The martyred Beatle once got himself into hot water for declaring that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ. Imagine he was right. Still, it's no weirder than the shock of Elvis hair that went for $100,000 or Cher's bra that went to the Hard Rock Cafe, or Britney Spears' wad of chewed gum that generated a $14,000 bid on eBay. (Also offered: Her half-eaten corn dog and egg-salad sandwich. Yuck.)

Clearly, if you're famous, even for 15 minutes, every chunk is priceless. Michael Zuk may have $31,000 less, but he does have an indisputable chunk of the greatest Beatle. Paul McCartney's probably going, "I wonder how much one of my decayed molars is worth?"

Not as much as John Lennon's, pal. Imagine the rest of him is in heaven. We take what we can get.

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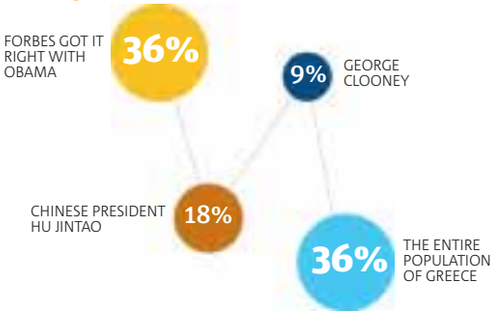

Local tweets

- **@Pinkndabrain:** Can I pretend these stacks of paper are pillows; I can use a nap right now, nap right now. Lol
- **@MagnificoMan:** Only reason the jets are back: so I can go watch habs games :)
- **@AmberDawnR:** "Most people are more comfortable with old problems than with new solutions." #truth
- **@dasme:** My hotel in Indianapolis has a sports bar and Starbucks in the lobby, so it's the best place ever. Will request the Jets game tonight :)
- **@classytwist:** Winnipeg: its -40c, but let's go get a slurpee #hometownslogans
- **@ZoeRandall:** Air Canada broke my luggage and there's snow on the ground in Winnipeg, but everything got better when I was handed a root beer milkshake.
- **@TourismWPG:** Happy birthday #Winnipeg! You look amazing for 138 - have you had some work done?
- **@WpgSantaParade:** Do you have your warm outdoor clothes ready for the Parade on Saturday? Starts at 5:00 followed by fun & fireworks at The Forks #winnipeg

Worth Mentioning

In some areas of Israel, women have been shunted onto separate sidewalks, and buses and health clinics have been gender-segregated. The military has considered reassigning some female combat soldiers because religious men don't want to serve with them.

This is the new reality in parts of 21st-century Israel, where ultra-Orthodox rabbis are trying to contain the encroachment of secular values on their cloistered society through a fierce backlash against the mixing of the sexes in public.

On the surface, Israel's gender equality bona fides seem strong, with the late Golda Meir as a former prime minister and Tzipi Livni as the current opposition leader. But the World Economic Forum recently released 2009 data stating Israeli women earned two-thirds what men did.

Secularists in Israel worry that their lifestyles could be targeted because the ultra-Orthodox population is growing.

Their high birthrate of about seven children per family is forecast to send their proportion of the population, now estimated at nine per cent, to 15 per cent by 2025.

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WEIRD NEWS

Peacocks, prostitutes and pot found in Mexico prison

Authorities say a surprise search at an Acapulco prison in Mexico has netted two peacocks, 100 fighting cocks, 19 prostitutes and two sacks filled with marijuana.

Police in the Mexican resort city also found dozens of televisions, several bottles of alcohol and knives.

Guerrero state spokesman Arturo Martinez says federal and state police searched the prison before dawn Monday.

Martinez didn't say how the women, birds and the other banned objects got into the prison.

He referred to the peacocks as "pets."

The resort city has been plagued by crime since last year when gangs began fighting for control after the arrest of Edgar Valdez Villarreal, also known as "La Barbie."

According to Sky News, Guerrero state has the third highest rate of murders in the country, falling behind Chihuahua and Nuevo Leon, both of which are northern border states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Leonardo DiCaprio, left, director Clint Eastwood and writer Dustin Lance Black conference on the set of J. Edgar.

Fresh eyes on Edgar

J. Edgar writer Dustin Lance Black tries to cast the famed FBI leader in a light like no other before ◐ Shows the superstar status Hoover carried

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

After winning an Oscar for his screenplay for Milk, another biopic should have been a piece of cake for Dustin Lance Black. Of course, the life of infamous FBI leader J. Edgar Hoover is no ordinary biography — especially given Hoover's penchant for secrecy about pretty much everything in his life, including his rumored lifelong love affair with Clyde Tolson.

The film covers a wide span of Hoover's life. When you were writing it, did you know it would be played by Leonardo DiCaprio?

No, in fact I try not to consider casting when I'm writing — especially a biopic like this, when I don't have the opportunity to meet the real guy. It's enough work to try and figure out who he was and get a handle on how he might've been, how he might've talked, the things he might've been thinking and feeling, his behaviour — you know, all that's tough enough.

At what point did you know Leonardo DiCaprio would be playing the part?

Things moved very quickly once I turned in the script. Brian Grazer got it to Clint Eastwood, and while Clint was reading it I got a phone call from my lawyer — who works at the same firm Leo's represented by — and they said, 'Hey, you're not showing this to anyone else, are you?' I mean, I was very excited that it was Leo, if that's what you want to know about, because this movie was supposed to be about subverting some expectations — confirming some things and subverting others — and one of them was this was a young man who was very promising and handsome, and starlets did throw themselves at him and he could get the best seat at the best club in New York when he went. People don't think of Hoover like that.

GQ Australia

Going to war with Australia

Questions Dustin Lance Black was none-too-pleased when GQ Australia asked Twilight star Taylor Lautner if Black and openly gay director Gus Van Sant had made a pass at him when the trio had dinner recently. And while the magazine defended itself by claiming they were making light of Lautner's universally accepted hotness, Black still found their apology satisfactory. "They apologized," he says.

2 scene

Adele

Adele has undergone throat surgery to stop a recurrent condition that caused her to cancel tour dates and promotional appearances for the rest of the year, a spokesman said yesterday.
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Winfrey's philanthropy earns honourary Oscar alongside film vets James Earl Jones, Dick Smith

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Kick off the festive season on **Saturday, November 12!** Head to downtown Winnipeg and be a part of this year's Santa Claus Parade. With approximately 3,000 parade participants, Portage Avenue will be lit up with sparkling lights, Christmas carols and spectacular floats. Get into the holiday spirit and join the 60,000 people lining the streets of downtown Winnipeg for a heart-warming and joyous experience.

Downtown BIZ staff will also be spreading holiday cheer at the parade. They'll be located on every street handing out goodies. Watch for them, dressed in BIZ hockey jerseys, as well as Downtown Watch ambassadors in red and black who will be happy to give you directions or assistance.

FESTIVAL OF TREES & LIGHTS: NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 11

A magical glow will fill Manitoba Hydro Place's Gallery beginning November 25, as the Festival of Trees and Lights returns for its second year downtown.

Throughout the two week free festival, the public is invited to view 30 beautifully decorated trees, 20 colourful wreaths, and 13 gingerbread houses that will be raffled off at the festival. Profits from raffle tickets sales will go towards two local charities: Change for the Better and Friends of the Gardens Manitoba. The festival runs until December 11 at 360 Portage Avenue.

"Hosting the Festival of Trees and Lights downtown opens the event up to many more people from all parts of the city," says Judith Tougher, Festival of Trees and Lights Co-Chair. "We benefit from the proximity to so many businesses and offices whose staff and clients can easily come to see the trees during the day or be inspired to bring their families in the evenings or weekends."

The Festival will also feature Santa and horse-drawn carriage rides on November 25 and 26; Divas Downtown, a fashion show presented by SWANK Boutique on December 8; a craft show December 3 and 4; and Family Day with celebrity guests, entertainers, and horse-drawn carriage rides in front of the Hydro building on December 10.

New this year is a special evening on December 9: "Uninterrupted - Christmas jazz and blues review" hosted by Juss Jazz, Ezra Arthur and the Festival of Trees and Lights with over 10 bands performing.

Stay warm by parking indoors at nearby parkades like Portage Place, cityplace or the Millennium Library, and take the indoor walkway to Manitoba Hydro Place!

By Rose Dominguez

WELCOME JETS FANS!

The Downtown BIZ and Portage Place are celebrating the return of the Winnipeg Jets with buskers playing in the walkway system between the shopping centre and the MTS Centre before home hockey games. Stay tuned for some special festivities for the December 31st game!

DOWNTOWN PEGGY'S HOLIDAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Find Downtown Peggy as she does her holiday shopping in downtown's indoor walkway system, and enter to win a fabulous grand prize package, including two tickets to a Jets game and prizes from Portage Place, cityplace, the Bay Downtown and more! Simply visit the Festival of Trees & Lights (free admission) at Manitoba Hydro Place between November 25 to December 11 to receive your free scavenger hunt map. Find out how to enter at **www.downtownpeggy.com**

NEW DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG MAGAZINE HITS STANDS

Watch for the winter issue of the Downtown Winnipeg magazine, hot off the press in the next few days! Pick it up in the indoor walkway system or at the Downtown BIZ office, 426 Portage Avenue.

FIND YOUR PLACE DOWNTOWN

Love the action downtown? Consider living in the heart of the city to enjoy the energy 24-to-7!

The Downtown BIZ is working on a new downtown living website to be the one-stop-shop for searching for sweet digs in the heart of the city. Watch for it at **www.myplaceisdowntown.com**. Plus, check in with the Downtown BIZ about downtown living tours and events we hold throughout the year.

DOWNTOWN BIZ HOSTS FUN EVENTS YEAR-ROUND

Downtown is buzzing with events all year long. Here's a quick snapshot of some of the fun events this year and what you can expect for next year:

CANADA DAY LIVING FLAG

3,400 people stood shoulder to shoulder in red and white T-shirts to form Winnipeg's first-ever "living" Canada flag to celebrate Canada Day July 1. Join us next Canada Day for an even bigger flag and more entertainment!

MANYFEST, DOWNTOWN'S BIGGEST STREET FESTIVAL

An estimated 35,000 people flocked to ManyFest on a hot September weekend to enjoy wine, music, dancing, an outdoor movie and market, kids activities, a race, Ciclovia and more. Next year's dates are September 7 to 9!

LET'S DO LUNCH DOWNTOWN

Downtown Peggy invited office workers and Winnipeggers to do lunch downtown at 23 different restaurants this past April for the Downtown BIZ's new restaurant event. Watch for two restaurant events next year!

ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BIZ

The Downtown BIZ markets the city centre on behalf of 1,400 businesses and runs programs targeting downtown image, cleanliness, safety, transportation and parking. We also host events and promote and advocate for downtown as a great place to work, shop and live. Every retail, commercial and professional business in the zone is a BIZ member and funds the Downtown BIZ.

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SANDLER DUPLICATING ORIGINALS

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Ben Affleck did it. So did Eddie Murphy and Charlie Chaplin. Heck, Alec Guinness did it eight times, including once as a woman.

This weekend in Jack and Jill, Adam Sandler adds his name to the list of actors who have played multiple roles in the same film.

"In Jack and Jill I play me," says Sandler, "and I play my twin sister. The man version of me is doing OK; he has a family out in L.A. The twin-sister version of me lives out in the Bronx and comes out to L.A. for Thanksgiving and then refuses to leave."

HANDOUT

▶ Adam Sandler plays a pair of roles in Jack and Jill.

The idea of playing more than one role in a movie dates back to the Mary Pickford 1918 weepy Stella Maris.

In it she plays the wealthy title character and the uneducated orphan Unity Blake.

The studio balked at her insistence on playing both roles, but Pickford insisted. As Stella she was photographed like a glamorous movie star, but as Unity she wore unflattering makeup and was shot from her right, less photogenic, side. Scenes where the two characters shared the screen were achieved through double exposure.

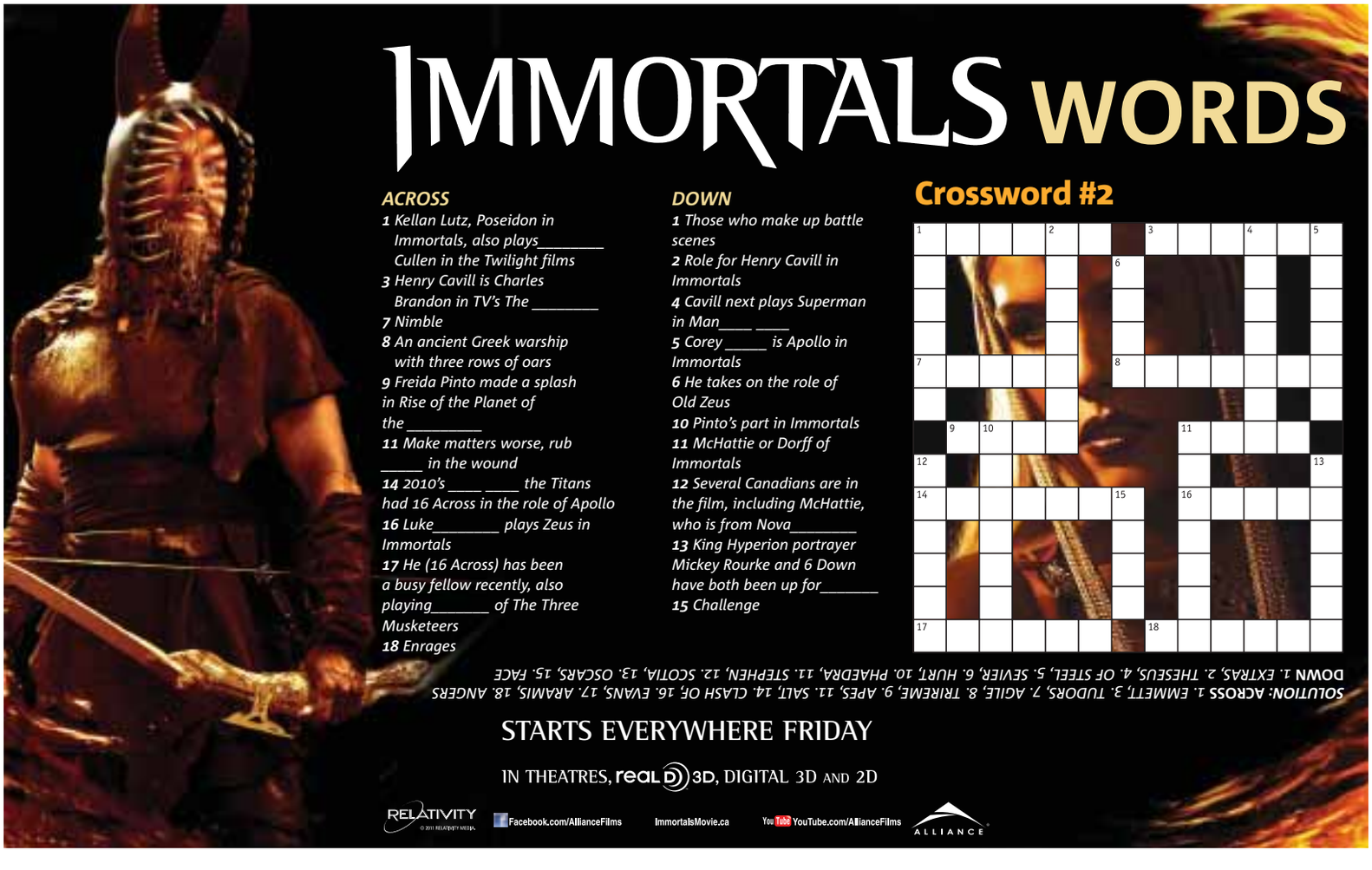
Since then everyone from Mel Brooks (he was President Skroob and Yogurt in Spaceballs), to David Carradine (remember him in Circle of Iron as The Blind Man, Monkeyman, Death, and Changsha?) to Peter Sellers (who played as Group Captain Lionel Mandrake, President Merkin Muffley, and Dr. Strangelove in Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb) have taken on multi-roles.

Perhaps because of their sketch comedy backgrounds, Eddie Murphy and Mike Myers often take on various roles in their films, but Alec Guinness, the actor best known in North America as Jedi knight Obi-Wan Kenobi, must hold the record for character changes in one feature-length movie.

In Kind Hearts and Coronets he plays no less than eight characters.

In an acting tour de force he's easily recognizable in each part, but doesn't repeat himself from character to character. Instead he carefully constructs each, from the happy-go-lucky young photographer to the window-smashing suffragette Lady Agatha. Rivaling Guinness's achievement is Buster Keaton who played every part — including a stagehand, a dance troupe, a full band and every member in the audience — in the 1921 short film The Play House.

To top it off he also took credit for every crew job including editor, director, writer and cameraman.


IMMORTALS WORDS
ACROSS
1 Kellan Lutz, Poseidon in Immortals, also plays_____ Cullen in the Twilight films
3 Henry Cavill is Charles Brandon in TV's The _____
7 Nimble
8 An ancient Greek warship with three rows of oars
9 Freida Pinto made a splash in Rise of the Planet of the _____
11 Make matters worse, rub _____ in the wound
14 2010's ____ ____ the Titans had 16 Across in the role of Apollo
16 Luke_____ plays Zeus in Immortals
17 He (16 Across) has been a busy fellow recently, also playing_____ of The Three Musketeers
18 Enrages
DOWN
1 Those who make up battle scenes
2 Role for Henry Cavill in Immortals
4 Cavill next plays Superman in Man____ ____
5 Corey _____ is Apollo in Immortals
6 He takes on the role of Old Zeus
10 Pinto's part in Immortals
11 McHattie or Dorff of Immortals
12 Several Canadians are in the film, including McHattie, who is from Nova_____
13 King Hyperion portrayer Mickey Rourke and 6 Down have both been up for_____
15 Challenge
Crossword #2
SOLUTION: ACROSS 1. EMMETT, 3. TUDORS, 7. AGILE, 8. TRIREME, 9. APES, 11. SALT, 14. CLASH OF, 16. EVANS, 17. ARAMIS, 18. ANGERS
DOWN 1. EXTRAS, 2. THESEUS, 4. OF STEEL, 5. SEVIER, 6. HURT, 10. PHAEDRA, 11. STEPHEN, 12. SCOTIA, 13. OSCARS, 15. FACE
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Melissa McCarthy promotes Ivory — and jumpsuits

She was by far the funniest Bridesmaid Mike & Molly star now starting her own plus-sized clothing line

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THE WORD

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After she took the stage to launch Ivory Soap's new Soap Dish Facebook community for moms in New York City on Monday night — and was presented with a giant bar of Ivory carved in her likeness — Melissa McCarthy took a few moments to chat with Metro about the possibility of a sequel to Bridesmaids, the summer blockbuster that made her a household name.

"[It's a] yes for me, [but I] don't know that it's happening," she told us.

"I'll basically show up anywhere with those women — even if it's like a long bus trip, I'll go with them — but no talk of it yet. I think everyone's so busy. But I wouldn't mind it down the road just because I love that group."

McCarthy is indeed keeping very busy.

Not only did she win an Emmy this year for her sitcom Mike & Molly, but she's also developing her own clothing line for plus-sized women.

"It's so preliminary right now. I know I want a jumpsuit in it. I'm not afraid of it. I love a jumpsuit."

And when we asked if she's creating the line to be a role model for girls who aren't a size zero, the awesome actress just laughs.

"No, I think I'm just selfishly making it for myself!"

She elaborates: "I want separates, for the love of God, because everything's like a bad prom dress. You can find a million bad sleeveless dresses in satin. I'm like, 'Where's a good blouse and great trouser?'"

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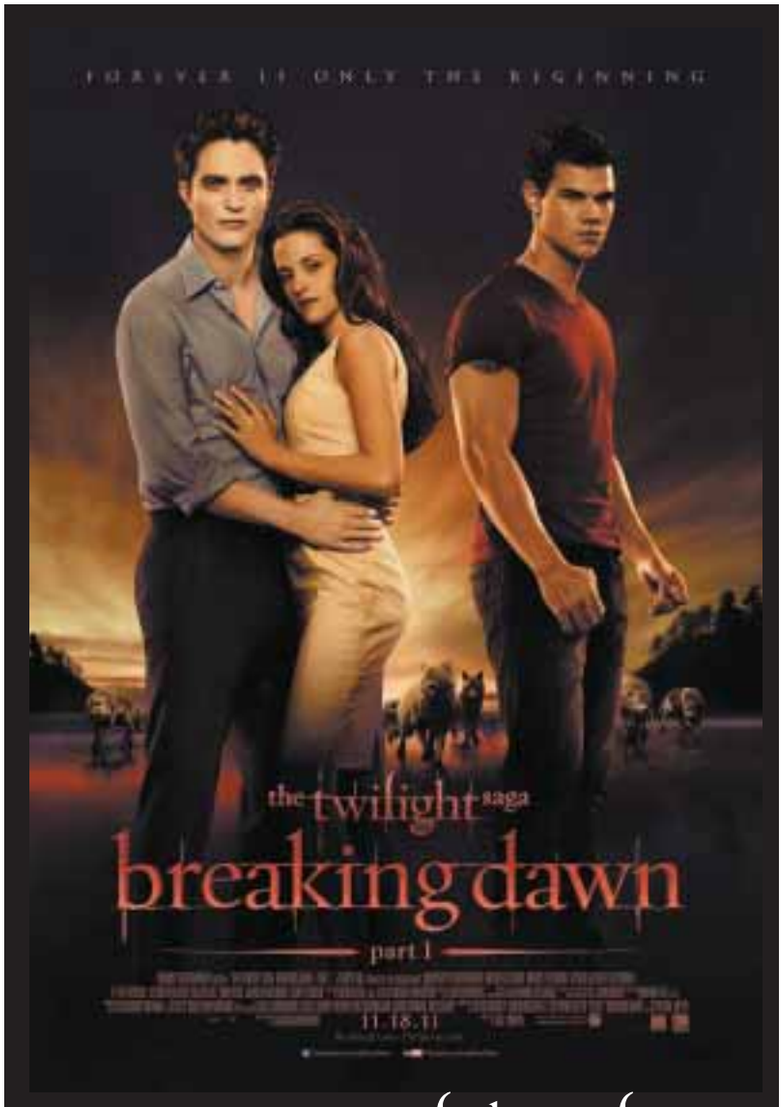

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Big Apple shopping

The holiday season in New York kicks off with American Thanksgiving The city celebrates the upcoming retail-mad months with glittering events, jolly gift markets and traffic-stopping window displays Try one-stop shops to maximize gift-buying time

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New York is one of the most iconic places for Christmas shopping. Not only does the city display how to shop for the holidays in style, but the shopping season starts early, too.

Holiday shopping in the Big Apple kicks off with the Thanksgiving Day festival, on the third Thursday of November. The festival is marked by the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, a colourful event that snakes all the way across Manhattan to the famous department store.

The next day is one of the biggest shopping days of the year — Black Friday. This crazy day of sales takes place on the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, with bargain-hunters taking the day off work to line up overnight to catch the best discounts.

From then on, it's open season on the shopping front. There are several holiday markets offering a mix of gift ideas. Bryant Park is home to booths selling clothes, quirky gifts, crafts and jewelry at The Holiday Shops (Until Jan. 8, theholidayshopsatbryantpark.com). You'll find more than 100 red and white booths selling affordable gifts, as well as vouchers for local stores, at the Union Square Holiday Market (Nov. 18 to Dec. 24, urbanspacenyc.com) and Columbus Circle Holiday Market at the south west entrance of Central Park (Nov. 30 to Dec. 24, urbanspacenyc.com). If the weather is glacial, try the indoor gift fair in the elegant Vanderbilt Hall of Grand Central Station (Nov. 14 to Dec. 24, grandcentralterminal.com).

As well as providing a brilliant one-stop gift shop for time-poor tourists, department stores from Bloomingdales and Macy's to toystore FAO Schwartz compete to feature the most dazzling window displays during the festive season. This year hip department store Barneys even gets a Lady Gaga-inspired twist, with windows and men's floor decked out as "Gaga's Workshop" (barneys.com).

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▶ Marking the start of Christmas-shopping madness: Macy's annual Thanksgiving Parade

If you go...

After all of that shopping, you're going to need to treat yourself to a well-earned night of rest in a high-end hotel.

Stay:
For luxury, head to the Carlyle. Located on Madison Avenue, it's a favourite of politicians and celebrities. This New York landmark offers sweeping views of Central Park and easy access to the Upper East Side boutiques. thecarlyle.com

Feel festive in NYC

GAWK AT THE TREES

New York is full of decorated Christmas trees in the run-up to the big event, but the biggest one in the city is outside the Rockefeller Center. Every year the spruce is ceremoniously lit by a celebrity. Expect a star-studded event Nov. 30. **rockefellercenter.com**

MEET SANTA

The classic place to do this is at department store, Macy's, where there is a team of gents in red suits and white beards waiting to hear your child's Christmas wishes. Beat the lines by going early in the day, and on a weekday. **macys.com**

2 PLACES TO BUY STOCKING STUFFERS

HOMEWARE
Pearl River

This department store is a treasure-trove of Chinese gifts. Buy tree ornaments, silk purses, kung-fu shoes, scarlet lanterns and butterfly kites. pearlriver.com

FUNNY GIFTS
Fred Flare

This cult Brooklyn shop stocks funny gifts for everyone and a pop-up shop from December 15-23 in NYC's Chelsea Market at 75 9th Ave. fredflare.com.

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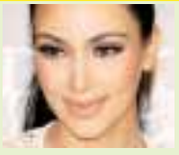
Travel in brief



The Kardashian family recently opened what they're calling a "celebrity lifestyle boutique" at The Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Kardashian Khaos features all products endorsed by the Kardashian sisters, Kim, Kourtney and Khloe, and their mother Kris Jenner. It will also feature exclusive Las Vegas souvenir items including playing cards and novelty gambling chips.

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Vancouver Christmas market bigger than ever, with artisans from across Canada.

Drink of the week

Autumn Apple Orchard

This beverage can be served hot or cold. The garnish might seem ostentatious, but the brûléed cinnamon and sugar will make your kitchen smell incredible, and the spectacle is always a crowd-pleaser.

- .75 oz Calvados
- .5 oz spiced rum
- cranberry apple cider to your taste

In glass filled with ice, add liquor and top with the cranberry apple cider. Garnish with a brûléed apple slice, dusted with sugar, cinnamon. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO-BASED MIXOLOGIST**

JOE HOWELL

How do you like these apples?

Tantalize your kids with apple pizza for snack, dessert or even breakfast

Your youngsters will be thrilled when they taste this sweet pizza topped with apples, dried fruit, nuts and chocolate chips. The combination works perfectly with a cinnamon and sugar dusted crust.

Apple Dessert Pizza Preparation:

1. Press or roll pizza dough into a 30-cm (12-inch) circle; place on a pizza pan or large baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.
2. Brush 2.5-cm (1-inch) edge of dough with a little melted butter. In a small bowl, mix sugar with cinnamon; sprinkle 15 ml (1 tbsp) over buttered edge of dough.
3. In a medium bowl, toss apples with remaining butter and sugar mixture until well coated. Arrange over dough just inside sugar edging. Bake in a 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 minutes.
4. Sprinkle with raisins, pecans and chocolate chips; bake for 10 minutes or until apples are tender and edge of dough is lightly browned. Cool slightly; cut into wedges. Drizzle with Cinnamon icing.
5. Cinnamon Icing: In a medium bowl, mix 125 ml (1/2 cup) icing sugar with 1 ml (1/4 tsp) cinnamon; stir in 15 ml (1 tbsp) milk.

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Apple Dessert Pizza

▶ This pizza serves eight.

Ingredients:

- 1 pizza dough (650 g/1 1/4 lb)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter, melted
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 750 ml (3 cups) sliced peeled apples (Empire, McIntosh or Cortland)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) golden raisins or dried cranberries
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped pecans or walnuts
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) semisweet or milk chocolate chips
- Cinnamon Icing (See final step for directions)

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I began working well before I started university. I loved working with children and found summer and after- school jobs first as a babysitter, then at a camp and then at a daycare. After high school, I travelled and took courses abroad and came back around the winter semester.

Because I did not return to school right away, I suddenly had a lot of time on my hands. I used this time to discover what I was most passionate about. I also realized that I needed a plan, because I knew that financing my university education on my own would be a challenge.

Since I intended to pursue a kinesiology arts degree, I enrolled in courses to become certified as a personal trainer and pilates instructor. I knew it would be difficult to find a well paying part-time position as a student and I realized that being certified would allow me to earn money to pay for my education and also gain relevant experience during my studies in kinesiology.

Soon after I became certified, I was excited to find a job at a local gym. But, when I returned to school full-time, my schedule often conflicted with work and it was difficult to balance both. So I quit my job.

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▶ Vered Ben

I realized that starting my own fitness equipment and fitness apparel business might be a great idea since it would allow me to create my own work schedule. I did a little bit of further research on how one starts their own business and I discovered that it would require a lot of money, time and space — none of which I had.

Since I always loved making jewelry and designing, I decided that for the time being I would sell accessories. I found several suppliers, designed my website and logo with a major design company, and then launched my accessories business, veredben.com In my third year as a student, I finally felt ready to pursue my passion in the fitness and health industry. I started V2Be, a fitness training program for women and girls. I developed a curriculum and launched an after school fitness program that focuses on healthy living and self- esteem building for children.

It has definitely been a challenge combining school with business, but it is absolutely amazing to have the flexibility of creating my own schedule and deciding how much work I want to put in and when. Although I am only doing this business part-time, I have the option of pursuing it full-time when I graduate.

Most career centres and schools focus a lot on grades, career options and resumés, and usually do not let students think outside the box when it comes to job searching. I think schools should help students see that working for yourself can be a great option.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Vered's experience.

- Figure out what you love doing and develop a plan to turn it into a job.
- If you have a great idea for a business, don't be afraid to start one!

Where Vered is now

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Sabres stampede past Jets

Winnipeg lets lead slip away in Buffalo ◗ Club finishes seven-game road swing at 3-2-2

Thomas Vanek scored a power-play goal 4:35 into overtime, tipping in Jason Pominville's shot to rally the Buffalo Sabres to a 6-5 victory over the Winnipeg Jets last night.

Vanek scored twice and Pominville finished with a goal and two assists. Derek Roy had two goals and an assist, forcing overtime by scoring a power-play goal with 6:08 left in regulation to help Buffalo extend its winning streak to three games.

Bryan Little scored twice, and Dustin Byfuglien and Tanner Glass each had a goal and an assist for the Jets, who closed a seven-game road trip, their longest of the season.

The Sabres never led until Vanek scored in overtime. They trailed 2-0 before the game was six minutes old.

The decisive goal came with Blake Wheeler in the penalty box for hooking. The Sabres worked the puck around to Pominville in the left circle, where he ripped a shot that was tipped by Vanek past goalie Ondrej Pavelec.

The Sabres not only rallied back to tie the game on four occasions, but overcame another shaky outing by goalie Ryan Miller.

Coming off a two-game benching, Miller finished with 26 saves, but allowed two goals on the first three shots he faced and four goals on the first 13. He also gave up goals on the first or second shot in each of the first three periods.

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The 2010 Vezina Trophy winner has yielded 17 goals on the past 126 shots he's faced over five games. He avoided losing five straight games in regulation for the first time in his career — he can thank Roy for that.

After Byfuglien put the Jets up 5-4 on a breakaway 48 seconds into the third period, Roy scored with a one-timer from the right circle after being set up by Pominville's cross-ice pass.

It came on Buffalo's third two-man advantage of the game, 17 seconds after Jets defenceman Mark Stuart was penalized for shoving down Roy after the whistle.

The Sabres scored four times on 12 power-play opportunities after going 0-for-10 in their past three games.

Rookie Corey Tropp also scored for the Sabres, while Paul Gaustad had two assists.

Mark Flood also scored for the Jets, while Wheeler had two assists in an entertaining, back-and-forth game.

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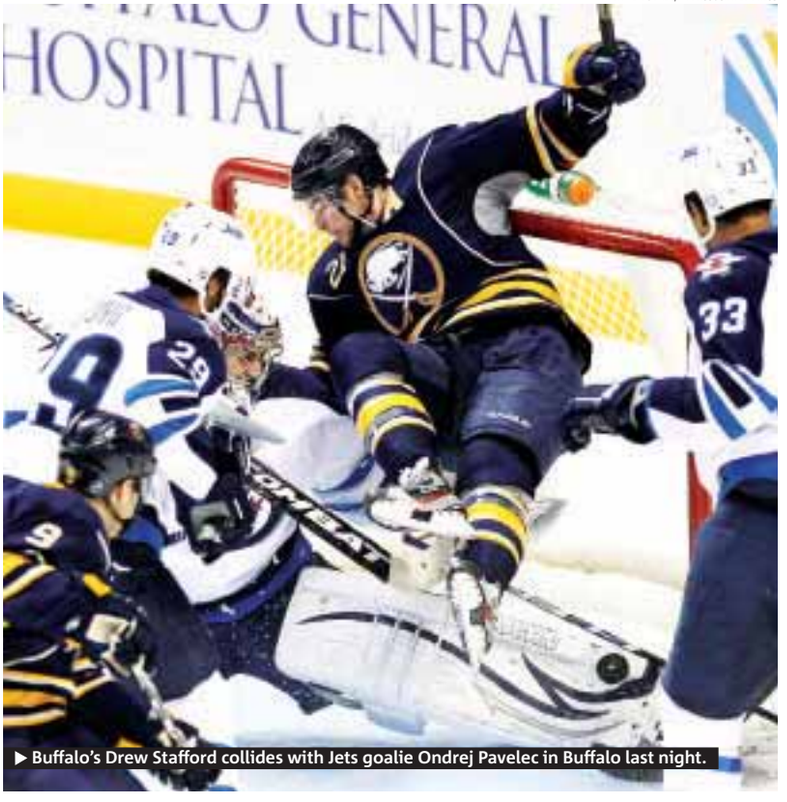

▶ Buffalo's Drew Stafford collides with Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec in Buffalo last night.

Sabres honour Hawerchuk

Dale Hawerchuk was inducted into the Buffalo Sabres Hall of Fame in a ceremony before last night's game.

- Hawerchuk played five seasons for the Sabres after being traded from the original Jets franchise in 1990.
- "It's special," he said. "These two teams are the ones I spent the most time with in my career, so those two are definitely the closest to my heart."
- Drafted first overall in 1981, he played nine seasons in Winnipeg before moving to Buffalo. He also played in St. Louis and Philadelphia before retiring a Flyer 1997.
- Hawerchuk won the Calder Trophy in 1982, posting 45 goals and 103 points. He finished his career with 518 goals and 1,409 points in 1,188 games.

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"I will always remember Joe with respect and admiration. My sympathy goes out to his family and loved ones."

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Official says support for Paterno on Penn State trustees' board vanishing

Coach Joe Paterno is fighting for his job amid "eroding" support from Penn State's board of trustees and a widening sex-abuse scandal and possible cover-up centred on former assistant and one-time heir apparent Jerry Sandusky.

Paterno's regularly scheduled news conference was abruptly cancelled yesterday. A university spokesman cited "ongoing legal circumstances," a reference to charges announced over the weekend that Sandusky molested eight young boys between 1994 and 2009, and that two PSU administrators who have since stepped aside failed to notify authorities of a 2002 incident reported by an eyewitness.

Penn State's board of trustees was "in sessions," chairman Steve Garban acknowledged when asked in a brief interview with The Associated Press if the board had called an emergency meeting. A person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the schedule was not made public said the trustees were having a teleconference last night.

Hundreds of fans staged a raucous rally outside Paterno's home a short time earlier.

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NBA LOCKOUT

Players reject offer

Union president Derek Fisher says his orders from NBA players are clear: No deal.

"The current offer on the table from the NBA is one that we cannot accept," he said yesterday.

Instead, the players said they will ask for another meeting with the owners before commissioner David Stern's afternoon deadline today.

Stern has said that if the players don't take the current deal by then, the league's next offer will be much worse.

The players insisted they will not be forced into taking a bad deal by an ultimatum.

"The players are saying that we understand their position, but unfortunately we're not intimidated by that," union executive director Billy Hunter said.

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NEW EQUIPMENT PUTS SMILES ON FACES

DREAMS REALLY CAN COME TRUE

Just ask 80 aspiring young hockey players from Winnipeg and Calgary who were outfitted from head to toe with new equipment and had their minor hockey registration fees covered for one season.

It was all made possible due to the Hockey Canada Foundation and Hockey Canada's Dreams Come True program which was launched during the 2007-08 season.

"We're in our fifth year with that program nationally," said Hockey Canada's Kevin Bathurst, who travelled to Winnipeg on Sept. 23-24 to help outfit the 40 young hockey players with brand new equipment courtesy of SportCheck. "That's been my main responsibility through that program is assisting with the equipment fitting and then I usually lead the camp portion."

This year Hockey Winnipeg helped assist in identifying 40 kids who wanted to play, whose families couldn't afford to pay, while it was Hockey Calgary's turn to reap the rewards of the program last season.

"Those families are identified through their minor hockey associations as families that could use some help," explained Bathurst, who noted that the participants also get an hour of off-ice and an hour of on-ice instruction as part of the program. "We try to provide them with that kind of half-day hockey camp experience and get them in their new equipment and make sure they're all ready to go and that they hit the ice running for their minor hockey season.

"It's awesome. They love it … smiles on faces, which is what the game's all about."

Hockey Winnipeg president Don McIntosh also loved seeing the joy on the young players' faces and would like to expand the program with help from the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation, which provided every participant with a free Jets t-shirt.

"I've been in discussion with the Jets and the possibility of securing funds under their foundation for broadening player assistance," McIntosh said. "That would probably broaden it even further to include equipment, registration fees and transportation."

– By Laurence Heinen

FUNDS RAISED IN MEMORY OF WOODS

As executive director of Hockey Winnipeg, Dianne Woods had a mission to make the game more affordable to low-income families.

After Woods passed away in August due to a tragic accident she suffered while vacationing in Palm Springs, Calif., a player assistance fund was established in her memory.

"She was very into supporting kids that required assistance," said Hockey Winnipeg president Don McIntosh. "She was just an unbelievable woman. She just did so much."

So far, close to $10,000 has been donated to the Dianne Woods Memorial Player Assistance Fund. Hockey Winnipeg will raffle off 12 sets of two pairs of tickets to Winnipeg Jets games this season to raise even more money.

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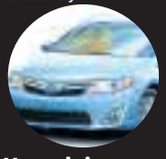
By comparison

Toyota Camry Hybrid
Base price: $26,700
All-new 2012 version provides vastly improved fuel economy.



Hyundai Sonata Hybrid
Base price: $26,500
Kia's relation uses similar powertrain, but has significantly different styling.

Ford Fusion Hybrid
Base price: $29,400
Fuel-efficient Toyota-based technology works well and saves fuel.

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Battery system & engine

The battery system — in fact the Hybrid's entire powertrain for that matter — has been lifted from the Hyundai Sonata Hybrid and consists of a 270-volt lithium-polymer battery that's claimed to be lighter and more durable than other types, such as the lithium-ion cells installed in the Chevrolet Volt and the Nissan Leaf electric cars.

The battery feeds a 40-horsepower electric motor that functions in tandem with a 166-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, for a combined 206 horsepower.

Comparison

The Optima Hybrid is capable of speeds up to 100 km/h on electric power alone, compared to 75 km/h for the Ford Fusion and for short bursts up to 40 km/h for the 2012 Toyota Camry Hybrid.

However, the Optima's estimated 5.6 l/100 km city and 4.9 highway fuel economy falls short of the Camry's 4.5/4.9 and the Ford Fusion's 4.6/5.4 city/highway ratings.

Fuel-sipping features

The Hybrid uses a special six-speed-automatic transmission that operates without a traditional torque converter, again a departure from most hybrid cars that use continuously variable transmissions. The top three gear ratios have been designed so that the engine runs at the lowest-possible engine speed to help save fuel.

The car also features low-rolling-resistance tires and an integrated starter-generator that shuts off the gas engine when the vehicle is stopped.

▶ Designer Peter Schreyer is known for the Audi A6 and the TT. Now he's known for the Kia Optima.

Can fuel-saving look this good?

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If your passion for cars is matched only by your determination to avoid $1.25/litre fuel stops, the Kia Optima Hybrid appears to have been built just for you.

The Korea-based automaker, part of the Hyundai organization, has been aggressively introducing an array of new products at a relentless pace.

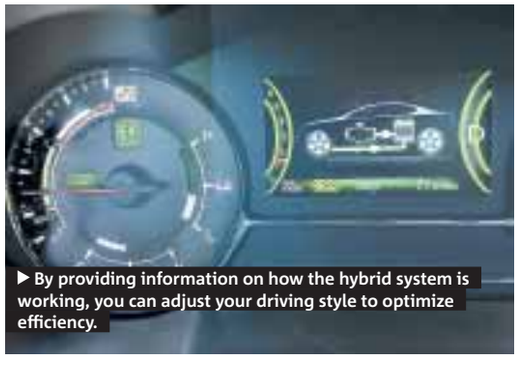
As a result, the company's adolescent-like growth spurt has rapidly brought it into the automotive mainstream where previously it had been considered just a bit player.

For the 2011 model year, Kia issued forth an all new Optima sedan, designed by former Volkswagen-Audi stylist Peter Schreyer who is credited with the look of Audi's A6 sedan and sporty TT coupe and roadster.

Since his arrival at Kia back in 2006, the brand's design "language" has headed off in a completely different direction from parent Hyundai's.

The Optima and its gasoline-electric Hybrid offshoot are shining examples.

Both mid-size four-door sedans appear nearly identical, yet the Hybrid features a slightly different grille, unique 16-inch wheels and extra lower cladding, LED (Light Emitting Diode) tail lamps and a Hybrid badge affixed to the trunk lid.



▶ By providing information on how the hybrid system is working, you can adjust your driving style to optimize efficiency.

▶ A 166-horsepower four-cylinder is helped by a 40-horsepower electric motor to provide about 5.6 l/100 km in the city and 4.9 on the highway.

Optima Hybrid

What you should know about the 2012 Kia Optima Hybrid:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 with 30-kilowatt electric motor (206, net).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** Hybrids are improving and becoming more affordable ... and even desirable. The Optima shares its platform with the Hyundai Sonata, so building in its hybrid powertrain makes perfect sense.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 5.6/4.9.

Comfort and prestige defined last-gen Audi A8

SECOND GEAR

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One of the best ways to cut through upcoming winter driving conditions is in the lap of German engineered AWD luxury from the driver's seat of an Audi A8.

The last-generation of Audi's flagship sedan model was available from 2004 to 2010.

It packed plenty of space, 8- or 12-cylinder power and Quattro All Wheel Drive (AWD) on all models. Translation? The A8 can comfortably eat any of Mother Nature's nastiest winter conditions for lunch.

2004 to 2010 Audi A8

Engine

A8 came with a proven 4.2-litre V-8 developing between 330 and 350 horsepower.

A six-litre W-12 engine was also available with 450 horsepower.

What owners like

Owners rave about a sense of style, status and exclusivity, as well as a long list of safety features and the confidence of Quattro AWD.

Comfort, space and performance were all highly rated, too.

What owners dislike

Some owners wish their A8's were easier to park, and others wish for better fuel mileage. Finally, many A8 owners report a learning curve required to use the more advanced controls.

Common issues

Numerous Audi owner forums recommend avoiding the first year (2004) of this A8 generation, as it seems less reliable. The A8 should also be scrutinized for electrical problems, with shoppers advised to ensure all power accessories, readouts and lights work as expected. Avoid A8 models with the adaptive air suspension, which will be expensive to fix if it fails. As a bare minimum, visit an Audi garage and have your used A8 candidate checked for coolant, oil and transmission fluid leaks.

Verdict

If you're comfortable with the potential maintenance pricetag, a well-maintained A8 will deliver confident, year-round motoring enjoyment in one of the market's most highly envied large sedans.

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Guide to winter tires

Still sitting on the fence about getting winter tires this year? Want them, but don't know where to start? You're in the right place for tire advice

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▶ Sufficient tread is essential for any tire to work properly and safely. An all-season tire with good tread depth is superior to a winter tire with its tread worn down.

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As the seasons change, so should your tires.

You've probably noticed that the nastier-weather varieties are now called winter tires, rather than snow tires. This isn't just the same product with a new name.

Winter tires provide superior traction in all types of winter conditions, from deep snow, to puddles, to dry pavement.

The main differences between tires are in their tread and rubber compounds. Winter treads are more aggressive so they can bite into snow, and push slush and water out of the way.

This is very important, since tires that don't properly channel water can create a situation, called hydroplaning, where the tire floats on top of puddles instead of maintaining contact with the asphalt below.

If your car hydroplanes, you don't have control of it.

The formulation of the rubber compound is also important, as rubber gets soft in the heat and hard in the cold — exactly the opposite of what you want it to do in your tire.

The softer compound in winter tires helps them to stick to the pavement, although it does make them wear faster, one of the trade-offs of good winter tires.

So-called "all-season" tires are halfway between summer and winter ones.

They're better described as "three-season" tires, since they're inferior to the performance of winter tires at a time when driving can be most treacherous. Some companies offer a new "four-season" version, which meets winter tire standards, identified on all tires that do so by a stylized logo of a mountain and snowflake moulded into the sidewall.

These four-season tires primarily use an all-season compound with a more aggressive tread, which will be noisier in summer and use more fuel.

Good tires aren't cheap, but the highest price doesn't always guarantee the most appropriate tire. Several consumer groups rate winter tires; in Canada, the Automobile Protection Association offers a free comparison chart of some 50 tires at APA.ca.

Switching to winter tires in the fall will not only improve the driving experience, but will extend the life of your all-season tires.

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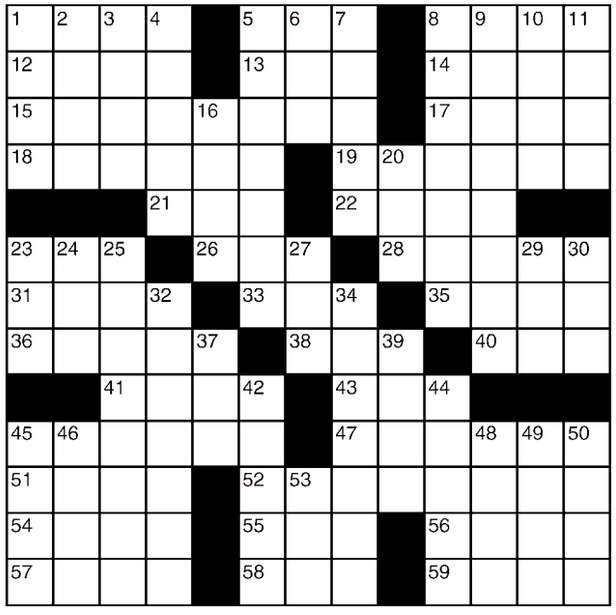

Across
1 Antiaircraft fire
5 Total
8 "That's a relief!"
12 Volcanic outflow
13 CAT scan alternative
14 Exceptional
15 Type of tennis stroke
17 Paquin or Faris
18 Allow
19 Brooklyn center fielder Duke
21 Pismire
22 Novice
23 Blond shade
26 Earl Grey, e.g.
28 Honda model
31 Bartlett or Bosc
33 Carpet
35 Congers, e.g.
36 Discussion group
38 Decked in the ring
40 Marseilles monarch
41 Turns to the right
43 Lawn glistener
45 Loss' opposite
47 About three miles
51 Adore
52 Eave
54 Addict
55 Existed
56 Hodgepodge
57 Red Planet
58 Type measures
59 Feedbag contents

Down
1 Showbiz failure
2 Wash
3 State with certainty
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5 Slight amount
6 Grecian vessel
7 Interior
8 Grassland
9 Relinquish
10 Sea eagle
11 Have on
16 Clue
20 Big Apple letters
23 iPhone download
24 Vast expanse
25 Morning-after woe
27 Diving bird
29 UN workers' grp.
30 Vegas-based crime series
32 Close-fitting jackets
34 Atheistic
37 Island souvenir
39 Antelope's playmate
42 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" author
44 "Yippee!"
45 Potential prune
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48 Festive
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53 Moving truck

▶ Yesterday's answer

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For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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5	1	6	4	2	8	7	3	9
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You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, online at metronews.ca/kiss.

To: Ellen RL
Happy 10th Anniversary Hun! I hope you can read this one because I know I don't talk to you that often but let me express it here. I love you and I will always be here for you. Thank you for being my wife and I hope it will stay forever. We appreciate the love and the kindness you do to me and the kids. **RICKY RL**

hello my dear
you're awesome <3 you make me smile constantly and you brighten up my day just by seeing your beautiful face. i love you so "pucking" much ;) **DR PHIL**

C.L. Cinderella
I know it's tough on you and people are doing everything to make your life miserable, but hey you are a strong woman. Keep faith and hang in there. Dreams come true sweetie!
ONLY YOURS, P.C.

A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min -7°	Min -3°	Min -3°
Max 2°	Max 3°	Max 4°

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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM**

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Today's cosmic influences suggest that you will make some interesting friends over the next 24 hours.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you have been thinking about taking a new direction in your career, now is the time to do it.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You'll ask a lot of meaningful questions about the world around you. What matters is you're thinking.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
What happens today will give you the pointer you need to change your life. It's up to you to do it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Today, it's important to remember that nothing stays the same forever, relationships least of all.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Focus on essentials, such as getting ahead in your career and making a fortune from your big ideas.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's time to embark on a new adventure and what you start over the next few days will succeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You will learn something interesting about a colleague today that you can use to your advantage.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Today, ask yourself why create enemies when, with just the same effort, you can create friends?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Follow your instincts today, even if they take you in the opposite direction to everyone else.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
What would you do if you knew you could not fail? Give it some thought over the next 24 hours.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.
Remind yourself, each and every minute of the day, that fear is an illusion. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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